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Applicant: Braun *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/687,483

Filed: October 13, 2000

For: **METHODS FOR GENERATING  
DATABASES AND DATABASES FOR  
IDENTIFYING POLYMORPHIC GENETIC  
MARKERS**

Art Unit: 1631

Examiner: A. Hartter

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in Response to the Restriction Requirement, mailed September 21, 2001, and a check for the requisite fee for a five month extension of time. If a Petition for extension of time is needed, this paper is to be considered such Petition.

**Extension fee for response within the fifth month:**

(X) By a small entity.....\$980.00.



The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee for the extension of time and any other fee that may be due in connection with this and the attached papers or with this application during its entire pendency to Deposit Account No. 50-1213. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, mailed September 21, 2001,  
Applicant elects, with traverse, Group II, claims 4-17, 30-31, 43-54, 98 and 99,  
drawn to a method of producing a database and the resulting healthy patient  
database, for examination on the merits. The species of query "age" is elected  
for search purposes. All pending claims read on the elected species.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-3, 18-29, 35-42, 55-59, 65-70, 82, 86-97 without  
prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

The fee for a five (5) month extension of time accompanies this response.  
Any fees that may be due in connection with this paper, or with this application  
throughout its pendency, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1213. If  
a Petition for an Extension of Time is required, this paper is to be considered  
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